

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1098
ANSWERED ON:07.12.2004
CONSTRUCTION OF HOSTELS IN HIMACHAL PRADESH
Chandel Shri Suresh

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Himachal Pradesh has sent any proposal to the Union Government seeking 50 per cent Central assistance totalling to Rs. 3,25,40,000/- for construction of students for the girls and boys belonging to Scheduled Tribes in Himachal Pradesh which mainly include construction of hostels for R.K.M.B. Government College, Shimla, Government Secondary School, Spiti, Government College, Kullu and Government High School, Tabo which are still pending in the Ministry;

(b) if so, the date on which these proposals were sent and the action taken thereon since their receipt till date; and (

(c) the time by which these proposals are likely to be cleared?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

(a) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Ashram Schools for STs, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs provides construction grant to the State Govts. on 50:50 sharing basis. No grant is provided for computer Centres in these Ashram Schools.

(a) The State Govt. of Himachal Pradesh sent requests at different points of time seeking central assistance for construction of Boys/Girls hostels at R.K.M.B Government Degree College, Shimla; Government Middle school, Key Spiti; Government Degree College, Kullu and High School, Tabo. The total estimated cost of construction of hostels at these places as indicated by State Govt. was Rs. 262.70 lakhs. The State Govt. requested that 50% of this amount, i.e. Rs. 131.35 lakhs may be released to them by way of central assistance.

(b) The dates on which the subject proposals were sent by the State Govt. of Himachal Pradesh to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and action taken thereon till date is given at Annexure.

(c) It is not possible to lay down a fixed time frame for clearing such proposals. But the matter will be considered after receipt of complete documents from the State Govt.

Annexure to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1098 for 7.12.04 tabled by Sh. Suresh Chandel.

Annexure A

S.No.	Proposal	Date of the letter	Action taken by Ministry
	of Govt. of HP under	of Tribal Affairs	
	which the proposal was		
	sent		

1. R.K.M.B. Govt.
College Shimla 15-2-2002

The letters under which the State Govt. sent these two proposals to the Central Govt. were never received in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. The matter came to the notice of the Ministry when the State Govt. sent a reminder on 30-4-2003. The State Govt. was then advised on 4-8-2003 that since the

original proposals have not been received, the same may be sent urgently to enable the Central Govt. to process the matter. No reply from the State Govt. has been received thereafter. The question of taking any further action in the matter by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs therefore does not arise.

2. Govt. High School, Tabo 13-9-2001

3. Govt. Middle School, Key-Spiti 18-6-02

These two proposals were examined at length in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and it was found that out of the funds released to the State Govt. of Himachal Pradesh in the past, for construction of Boys/Girls hostels, a huge amount of Rs. 200.72 lakhs was already lying with them as unspent balance and therefore the proposals were not agreed to. The State Govt. was advised to furnish the utilization certificates and physical progress report in respect of projects for which the funds were released earlier, so that the fresh proposals in respect of hostels at Kullu and Key-Spiti could be considered. The complete Utilization Certificates in respect of an amount of Rs. 200.72 lakhs have not been received from the State Govt. till date and therefore, it has not been possible for the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to consider these two cases.

4. Govt. Degree College, Kullu 4-12-02